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Dear sir/madam

I am writing this letter on behalf of my wife Voula Voukelatos and myself George Voukelatos I was the co owner with my wife of one taxi licence purchased back in 1975.

I was the sole owner driver until 2002. Then I leased my licence to cabway in Richmond until the time that the Labor government decided a) to help the drop of the taxi licence from \$540,000.00 to nothing and b) after sealing the future of the taxi industry, as we knew it, they pay us \$100,000.00 and withdraw or took back our licence.

I didn't receive any moneys from the fairness fund, even though I apply for it, because according to them I had no need for help.

In my submission at the time, in writing, I explain to them my financial situation and what was going to be my financial situation after loosing my taxi licence. Also at the time Cabcharge paid me (and my wife) \$40,000.00 plus as a one off bonus. In writing I explain to them this but I was told that they lost this part of my submission.

Also I told them in writing that the lost of my taxi licence contributed in my wife's poor health and eventually on the 9th of October 2015 she suffer a very serious STROKE. My wife never smoked, drink alcohol, or anything else. Her blood pressure was always perfect as and the cholesterol. Never had any other health problems. Because of the Stroke She was in a very bad shape paralysed on the left side of her body and her voice as well the hearing and her left eye was out of action.

Up to this moment I have become her carer 24/7. And even though is little better than four years ago, I always use the wheelchair (which is permantly in the boot of my car) to go around. Thank God she can talk. Thank God she is alive

Because of the domino effect I lost \$46,000.00 a year from my invested portfolio which includes the leasing of my licence and the drop of the cabcharge dividends (that's what I call domino affect. Cabcharge and taxis are walk hand to hand.

As you do understand all sudenly my superannuation moneys was short by \$46,000.00. Before that I was (and my wife) self funded retirees. Been proud Australians who worked hard for many years and have a comfortable life without the help of the federal governments.

I and my wife spoke face to face with our local member and minister of ageing in the Andrews State government, The Hon. Mr Martin Foley. He was very sympathetic and sound very sincere as well. He agree with me that I have lost \$46,000.00 and he said to me and meant it " George you have not lost just \$46,000.00. You and your wife lost \$46,000.00 every year for the rest of your leaving lives". He was absolutely right

As it stand right now (and Mr Foley agree 100% with me) the interest rates that I receive by investing the \$100,000.00 is \$2,300.00 a year (2.05% a year) if, I do not use or touch these

moneys and bank at list \$1.00 on this account every month (NAB)

When my wife and I left his office in Port Melbourne He, Mr Foley, let me to believe that perhaps before or after the State election I might receive some help from the fairness fund because of my **REAL** financial situation after loosing the taxi licence. Up to this day I have receive no moneys from the state government and no state help. The only letter that I received is a letter from the transport minister tell me that I am not entitle to receive any moneys. Of course I received this letter after My local member of parliament wrote a letter to the minister on my behalf.

Also My member of parliament, Mr Foley, Knows that I have another member of my family to whom I support financially because of her situation with a lot of moneys. My wife's medications, special Neurological rehab physiotherapy as well as the many creams that she is using for muscle pain and skin dryness, are very expensive and the Medicare doesn't cover them

Please reconsider my application and do not hesitate to call me , [REDACTED] , or email to me on [REDACTED] if you want to ask me any questions

Kind regards George and Voula Voukelatos

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